

Fair to-day; to-morrow unsettled; moderate winds. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 69; minimum, 63.

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U. S. MARINES IN NICARAGUA HELD UP BY REBELS

Situation Becomes Acute and Re-enforcements Are Hurried Toward Granada.

SOUTHERLAND IN COMMAND

Officer Takes Charge Personally and Battle Is Likely Unless Insurgents Give Way.

The Nicaraguan situation took a sudden and acute turn yesterday when it became known here that opposition to the advance of the American forces is threatened by the rebels at a point between Managua, the capital, and Granada, the chief rebel stronghold. Re-enforcements were hurried forward from Managua yesterday with Admiral Southern in personal command, and it is expected that if the rebels persist in their opposition an engagement may take place to-day.

Shocking Conditions Reported.

The purpose of the advance toward Granada is to open the communication with that city, which has been cut off for nearly two months, or ever since Gen. Mena took his soldiers and police out of Managua and bombarded that city. Most shocking conditions have been reported to the American legation at Managua as prevailing in Granada under the rebel domination of the place. Families have been threatened, if not actually starving, through the confiscation of the food supplies of the city by Gen. Mena and his forces. To add to the anxiety about conditions in Granada, an appeal was made a few days ago by its foreign residents to the American legation for aid in the form of food supplies. No word has been received from the city since then.

Merlins Fired Upon.

Between Managua and Granada is the town of Masaya, which is also held by the rebels, under command of Gen. Zeledon, ally of Gen. Mena. According to unofficial advice received here, Mal Butler's force was fired on by rebels when his train approached Masaya. Mal Butler withdrew and sent a note to Zeledon, stating that he desired only to open the railroad to Granada, and that he preferred to do it peacefully. He added that if no reply was received from Zeledon by 4 o'clock he would begin his advance. Zeledon replied before the hour, stating that he would be glad to talk it over with Mal Butler the next morning. From the fact that re-enforcements are now being hurried to Mal Butler, it is inferred that Zeledon has declined to permit the Americans to pass peacefully through Masaya.

Murder Reports Confirmed.

It is also reported that the government troops have been defeating the rebels in the last few days in the vicinity of Masaya. Since the first week of the revolution, the government forces have been gaining victories over the rebels, and gradually dislodging them from their positions.

WIFE KEEPS PRENUPTIAL CONTRACT AND STARTS TO SUPPORT HERSELF

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Carlton Washburne, formerly Miss Helma Chandler, whose prenuptial marriage contract, providing for the greatest personal liberty, has created an international furor, began her career as a business woman to-day, according to the specifications of the marriage contract that she shall be self-supporting and maintain one-half the expenses of home and children, if they are any.

Would Bar American Beef.

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 19.—The Legislative Council to-day passed a resolution calling upon the government to forbid the importation of American beef into Australia.

FLEES TOMBS; ROBS 2 GIRLS; AGAIN IN TOILS

George Witson, "Gentleman Burglar," Slips Up When He Tries to Console Victims.

HAS ROMANTIC EXPERIENCES

Philadelphia Police Believe New Yorker Responsible for Atlantic City Thefts, Too.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—"It's the people who haven't any sense of fun that make a success in the world," said George Witson, "gentleman burglar," in his cell at police headquarters to-night. "If you've got a streak of humor in you, you're no good, whether you're in business or burglary."

Jump on Masher.

Of course, his escape from the Tombs is a matter of history in New York. He won't say what he's doing since, but there have been ten or a dozen burglaries of moment in Atlantic City during the last few weeks and the police incline to believe he got his new clothes and his new start in life therefrom.

Burglar Enters House.

About 2 o'clock in the morning, the young woman was awakened by a noise in their room. Miss McKelvey ran out into the reception hall and was confronted by a pistol muzzle, with a mask on the face of the burglar. "Please don't trouble yourself," he said. "I don't want to harm you. I have your jewelry and things and I won't disturb you a moment longer."

Konstantin Dumba Is Named to Succeed Baron Hengelmuller

Vienna, Austria, Sept. 19.—An ambassador from Austria-Hungary to the United States to succeed Baron Hengelmuller von Hengstarn, who has served his government at Washington for eighteen years, was named to-day in the person of Konstantin Dumba, at present minister to Sweden.

Harvester Hearing Postponed.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—No testimony was taken to-day in the hearing in connection with the government's suit against the International Harvester Company. The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow on account of the illness of Attorney Oscar Bancroft, who has been conducting the defense.

Virginia Post-Office Robbed.

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 19.—The post-office at Gladys, Va., was robbed by robbers early to-day. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerine and \$500 in stamps and \$200 in cash taken. No clue to the robbers has been found.

THAT HARMLESS LITTLE GAME OF PING PONG.



SZABO WITNESS ELUDES SLEUTHS

Woman Alleged to Have Posed as Mother of Dead Countess Disappears.

DETECTIVES ARE ON HER TRAIL

New York, Sept. 19.—Another puzzling phase was added to the mystery which surrounds the death of the Countess Rosa Menichik Szabo, for whose murder Burton W. Gibson has been held, by the disappearance to-day of the woman who posed as the mother of the countess.

Feared for Her Life.

Mrs. Marguerite Wagner, an intimate friend of the Countess Szabo, to-day identified a woman in the chain of evidence against Gibson when she declared that the countess was in constant fear of death at the hands of a lawyer whom she did not name. The countess, Mrs. Wagner added, told her that she intended to make a will bequeathing all her property to her brothers and sisters in Austria-Hungary.

KNOX SEES SIGHTS.

Secretary of State Preparing to Start Home To-morrow. Tokyo, Sept. 19.—After two days spent sightseeing about the ancient imperial city at Kyoto, where he visited the tomb of Emperor Meiji in the Momoyama Cemetery, Philander C. Knox, special envoy from the United States, returned here to-day, and began to prepare for his departure Saturday.

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ARKANSAS GOVERNOR HANGED IN EFFIGY IN STREETS OF LITTLE ROCK

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 19.—Business men on their way to their offices to-day discovered a straw effigy of Gov. Donaghey hanging from a telegraph pole. On it were placards bearing the words, "Deceiver," "Nigger lover," and "General crook."

NOLAN RESIGNS APPOINTMENT TO DIPLOMATIC JOB

Young Man Released from Custody in New York Takes Expected Action.

Harry E. Nolan, the young man who was released from police custody in New York two days ago because of lack of evidence to prove charges of abduction, will not enter the diplomatic service, to which he held the appointment of secretary of the American legation at Panama when arrested two weeks ago.

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UTILITIES MERGER INTENSIFIES NEED OF COMMISSION

Citizens of Capital Demand that Public Interests Shall Be Protected.

KING'S PLAN IS CRITICISED

Proposal to Consolidate Services May Be in Violation of Sherman Law.

Merging of the public utilities into one grand holding and operating company continues to be the chief topic of discussion in local financial circles. Much light has been thrown upon the plan itself by the publicity given to it, by expressions of the officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, by the views of the Engineer Commission and the Corporation Counsel, and by the earnest and widespread discussion of the people.

President Outlines Plan.

The plan as outlined by President King contemplates only the consolidation of the street railways of the District and the suburban lines in Maryland, owned and operated by the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and those in Virginia, owned and operated by the Washington-Virginia Railroad Company, and the plant of the Potomac Electric Power Company, with the issue of new securities to provide for the financial needs of these properties through their period of extension during the next twenty years.

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MRS. HELEN GRAY REVEALS HIDING PLACE OF PAPERS

Woman Charged with Concealing Indian Office Documents Outwitted by Detective.

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

Records Found Behind Bookcase at Department of Justice—Hearing Next Tuesday.

Historically inquisitive after her arrest yesterday on a charge of concealing valuable documents from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mrs. Helen Gray, friend and benefactor of the Crow Indians, unwittingly revealed to a detective the hiding place of the papers and ten minutes later the records, covered with dust, were found behind an old book case in an office in the Department of Justice.

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